

Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society

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The Executive Committee met September 13th and undertook revision of the 1966 Charter and By-Laws. The Charter is relatively simple to update but the By-Laws are more complicated. The proposed revision is scheduled for presentation at the first meet-
in 1983.

The Society will hold one of its general meetings on Tuesday, October 26th, at 8:00 P.M. in Riddick's Folly. For this occasion we are most fortunate to have as our speaker Mr. Brian S. Wills, a Suffolk native. This young graduate of the University of Richmond is now a research assistant with the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. He is intensely interested in the Civil War period and his topic will be "When War Was Not Far Away". There will be a reception in the speaker's honor, and refreshments will be served.

HELP! If ever we are able to unpack our "archives" we are in dire need of cabinets, book cases/shelves/racks----anything suitable for storage and as display of books, maps, newspapers, letters, documents, pictures, vintage clothing. File cabinets would be very welcome. PLEASE!

The Society is joining the Suffolk Art League in presenting an American Indian Exhibit at the United Virginia Bank, November 22-December 10.

SAL has secured from the Virginia Museum a collection of twenty Navaho rugs woven during the past century. There are geometric, pictorial, and ceremonial types included. The exhibit was assembled from the collection of the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

The Society is sponsoring the showing of Nansemond Indian artifacts from the private collection of Mr. Ed Bottoms of Chesapeake, Va. He has chosen from over 30,000 items a sampling of axes, arrowheads, spear points, scrapers, drills, mortars, ornaments and pottery, dating back 12,000-10,000 years.

Our membership is invited to attend the opening party (donation bar) on Sunday, November 21st, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. This is your invitation.

ATTENTION!

Mrs. Paul A. Frederick, III of 865 Sea Cliff Drive, Fairhope, Alabama 36532, wishes to submit a query for this publication:

THOMAS LEWIS, of Nansemond, married daughter of MICAJAH EXUM, owned land in 1728. Did he have a son, MICAJAH LEWIS, Maj. in Revolution, died of wounds? Was this the "M" LEWIS who married JANE WESTMORELAND? JANE WESTMORLLAND LEWIS had a daughter, ELIZABETH, who married JOHN MORRIS, then WILLIAM ARMISTEAD. THOMAS LEWIS also had son EXUM.

Can someone help Mrs. Frederick?

Again this year, Riddick's Folly will sponsor its fund raising Christmas boutique, December Shop. The shop will offer handmade, homemade, gift and decorative items; and donors of merchandise are being actively sought. The success of this endeavor depends greatly upon inventory. As you pickle, preserve, refinish, stitch, crochet, knit, build, and otherwise create, remember DECEMBER SHOP. If you plan to contribute dry plant materials, please call Linda at 934-1390 and let her know that Riddick's Folly can count on you.

A preview luncheon will be served again this year on December 1st. by Riddick's Folly. Only luncheon guests will be able to shop on that day, and the Riddick's Folly office will begin taking luncheon reservations in early November. If you would like to volunteer your services on the day of the luncheon or make a reservation for the day, contact the Riddick's Folly office.

Your past support is greatly appreciated.

Our annual Candlelight House Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th, between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 P.M. in the Bennetts Creek/Driver area. In selecting the Lower Parish for this year's tour, we are inviting attention to the oldest part of Nansemond/Suffolk in terms of English settlement---more than 350 years. Details will be announced at the October 26th meeting by Chairman Sue Woodward.

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